

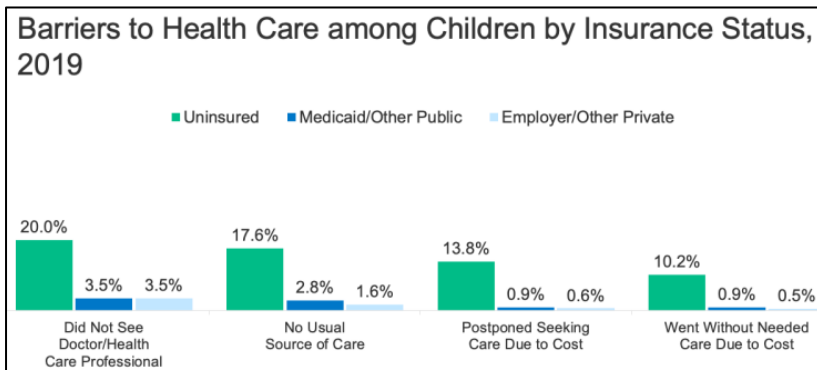
Testimony IN SUPPORT of HB 6616

My name is Dr. Molly Markowitz, and I am a pediatrician who works in New Haven, CT and I am the CT American Academy of Pediatrics Advocacy Committee Chair.

I am writing in strong support of HB 6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status.

As pediatricians, every day we meet with patients and families to discuss the importance of diet, exercise, sleep, and so much more to prevent the development of chronic, debilitating, and life-threatening diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

Research shows that children who lack health insurance are less likely to see a doctor, less likely to have a usual source of care. They are more likely to postpone care due to cost and are more likely to go without care due to cost.



Data from the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)

We know that the way children and young adults live today will impact their life for years to come. Therefore, it is critical that all children and young adults, regardless of immigration status, have access to medical care.

Thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions if helpful.

Sincerely,

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